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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL is planning to slash one time security charges and monthly rents on mobile phone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also proposed to set new rates for Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and expand this service in some other areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has reduced the security deposit and monthly rental for Garuda Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Telephone connections with effect from 13.11.2001 as follows:

	Plan-I	Plan-II
Security deposit	Rs. 5,000/-	Nil
Monthly rental	Rs. 450/-	Rs. 450/-

Telephone instruments To be provided by MTNL. Security depositis refundable on surrender of Telephone connection. Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) Technology-IS 95A complaint instrument to be procured by the subscriber. Local service only.

All the subscribers who have deposited Rs. 10,000 as security deposit earlier, their balance amount of Rs. 5,000/- will be adjusted in future billing.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing these services and the tariff for fixed telephone on Wireless in Local Loop including installation charges are same as applicable to regular wired lines connections except special deposit of Rs. 10,000/- for subscriber terminal. Alternatively, an insurance scheme at the rate of Rs. 20 per month is also introduced for the consumers in lieu of Rs. 10,000/-.The tariff charges for calls are decided by Telecom Regulatory authority of India (TRAI) and the same is binding on the consumers.